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There is a group of Serbian Nationalist emigres in the Vidin area of Bulgaria. These men are Serb patriots and former Mikhailovic Chetniks. They have fled to Bulgaria to escape the Tito regime, but they are not, as the Titoists pretend, Cominformists. The Bulgarian Communist authorities tolerate these people because, as Chetniks, they are able to obtain the aid of Yugoslav peasants for excursions across the frontier into Yugoslavia.¹ As old Chetniks, these individuals also have an excellent knowledge of the terrain.²

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1. It is not clear whether such excursions are being undertaken at the present time.
2. These facts seem to indicate that a nationalist element survives in Yugoslavia, and that in time of war it would make the overthrow of the Tito regime its first objective. For this purpose it would probably not hesitate to use any and all means to attain this objective, including an alliance with any of Tito's enemies.

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